

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Subodh K. Raniwala)
Application No. 10/606,439) Examiner: Arthur L. Corbin
Confirmation No. 2930) Art Unit: 1761
Filed: June 26, 2003)
For: Hot Fill Container And Closure And Associated)
Method)

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 18, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner For Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2007. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Additionally, February 18, 2007, falls on a Sunday and February 19, 2007, falls on a Federal holiday. Accordingly, the time period for response is February 20, 2007, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in the present Application in view of the Amendments and Remarks below.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.